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Attendance of local fund servants in courts as witnesses.

*1363 Q.—Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the period of absence of a local fund servant on account of his attendance at Court is treated as one on duty only, if the local board is interested in the case and the local fund servant is permitted by the board concerned to appear as a witness on its behalf ;

(*b*) whether in all other cases the local board servant should take any leave which he is entitled under the rules ; and

(*c*) if the answers to (*a*) and (*b*) be in the affirmative, whether the Government have allowed freedom to presidents of local boards to refuse to serve summons on their servants when they are not willing to take leave and appear as witnesses ?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) No. Revised orders have been issued in G.O. No. 4014, L. & M., dated 18th October 1927, a copy of which is appended.[a]

(*c*) Does not arise.

Introduction of amending Bills to the District Municipalities Act and Local Boards Act.

*1364 Q.—Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) when the Government are likely to introduce amending Bills to the District Municipalities Act and to the Local Boards Act ;

(*b*) whether it is the intention of the Government to abolish nominations altogether in all local bodies ; and

(*c*) whether the Government intend to decrease the number of nominated seats in all local bodies even under the provisions of the Acts in force now and increase the elective seats proportionately ?

A.—(*a*) The Bills will be introduced as early as possible.

(*b*) It is proposed to reduce to a minimum the power of appointment to local bodies.

(*c*) There is no such intention until the amending Bills are passed.

Municipal Councils

Enquiry into the administration of the Cannanore municipality and action taken therein.

*1365 Q.—Mr. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether he has made any enquiry into the conduct of the Municipal Chairman, Cannanore, as promised in the answer to question No. 459 answered on the 27th August 1927 regarding the administration of the Cannanore municipality ; and

(*b*) what action the Government have taken in the matter ?

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The matter is under consideration.

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Depressed Classes

Opening of schools for the depressed classes.

* 1366 Q.—Mr. V. I. MUNISWAMI PILLAI: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many new schools were opened for the depressed classes from the current year's sanctioned budget amounts; and

(*b*) what amounts were disbursed from 1st April to 30th September 1927 for maintenance of schools for depressed classes by—

(1) the Salvation Army,
(2) the missionary bodies, and
(3) the departmental management?

A.—(*a*) 146 up to the end of September 1927.
(*b*) (1) Rs. 17,986.
(2) Rs. 13,921.
(3) Rs. 1,48,448.

Mr. V. I. MUNISWAMI PILLAI:—"With reference to answer to clause (*b*) of the question, the hon. the Home Member states that Rs. 13,921 was disbursed. May I know whether the amount was disbursed to Christian missionaries and others?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—"Christian Missionaries and others."

Forests

Concessions in the reserved forests of South Kanara.

* 1367 Q.—Mr. A. B. SHETTY: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to lay on the table the report the Government have received with regard to clauses (*a*), (*b*) and (*d*) of my question No. 930 regarding concessions in the reserved forests of South Kanara answered on 31st October 1927?

A.—The report received from the Chief Conservator of Forests is placed on the Council table.[a]

Control and disposal of the forest in Gundamanikkanur zamindari.

* 1368 Q.—Mr. L. K. TULASIRAM: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the forest in the Gundamanikkanur zamindari in the Madura district is at the disposal of Government;

(*b*) if the answer is in the affirmative, when and how the Government assumed control and disposal of the said forest;

(*c*) whether the proprietor of the said zamindari has moved the Government through the Collector of Madura to make rules under section 26 or to take action under section 29 of the Madras Forest Act;

(*d*) whether the Government do propose to take action under section 29 of the Forest Act;

(*e*) if the Government propose to take action under section 29 with regard to the said forest, what are the purposes for which regulation or prohibition under that section appears to the Government to be necessary;

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